

Appendix

Development of Performance Measures for the EMSC Program

Detail Sheet for Performance Measure #67

PERFORMANCE MEASURE #67

The adoption of requirements by the State/Territory for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics.

GOAL

By 2011, the State/Territory will have adopted requirements for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics.

MEASURE

The adoption of requirements by the State/Territory for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics.

DEFINITION

Calculation: Calculation of this measure involves completing the attached Data Collection Form. Indicate whether your State/Territory has adopted requirements for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics. If yes, provide information on the number of hours and courses required for paramedic recertification. If your State/Territory has not adopted requirements, please indicate on the form reasons why, and the steps you have taken towards adopting requirements. You may need to collaborate with the State/Territory EMS Office to complete the form.

Definition of Terms:

Adoption

The requirements have been formally put into place in the EMS Rules and Regulations at either the State/Territory or County/Regional level (i.e., at every county/region in the State/Territory) and apply to all paramedics in the State/Territory.

Requirements

Formal written recommendations and guidelines for pediatric emergency care education as part of the recertification of paramedics. Recommended training curricula and/or courses for paramedics may include, but are not limited to, Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP), Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) courses. Recommended training courses exclude cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses.

Pediatric

Persons up to 18 years old.

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Paramedic

The National Registry recognizes three levels of EMT: EMT-B (Basic), EMT-I (Intermediate) and EMT-P (Paramedic). The paramedic level is the highest level of nationally registered positions. In addition to the basic-level skills of CPR, first aid, airway management, oxygen administration, spinal immobilization, traction splinting, bleeding control and splinting, as well as the intermediate skills of IV therapy, endotracheal intubation and initial cardiac drug therapy, the paramedic is also educated in EKG interpretation, advanced airway skills to include rapid sequence intubation (RSI), pharmacology, trauma resuscitation, pediatric life support and advanced cardiac life support.¹²

EMSC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Related to Strategic Objectives 2, 6, and 11:

- Objective 2: Improve and expand pediatric emergency care education systems.
- Objective 6: Ensure that integration of health services meets children's needs.
- Objective 11: Improve pediatric emergency medical services through public education.

DATA SOURCE(S)

Data Sources:

- *State/Territory* EMS rules, regulations, codes or policies
- *County/regional* EMS rules, regulations, codes or policies

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Process to Collect Data For This Measure:

A process for data collection and analysis, as well as an example of supporting documentation are provided below under each data source.

1. ***State/Territory* EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies:** Your State/Territory EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies may include requirements for pediatric emergency education for the re-certification of paramedics. These requirements may include those developed by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) or any other recertification requirements adopted by your State/Territory.
 - Review State/Territory EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies on an annual basis for pediatric emergency education requirements for the re-certification of paramedics.
 - *Supporting documentation* for the measure may include a copy of the State/Territory EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, or Policies stating the requirements for pediatric emergency education for the re-certification of paramedics.
2. ***County/Regional* EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, Policies, or Requirements:** If requirements for pediatric emergency education for the re-certification of paramedics have *not* been adopted at the State/Territory

¹² <http://www.answers.com/topic/paramedic>

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level, requirements may have been adopted at the county/regional level in the State/Territory.

- Review County/Regional EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, Policies, or Requirements on an annual basis for pediatric emergency education requirements for the re-certification of paramedics.

Supporting documentation for the measure may include a copy of the County/Regional EMS Rules, Regulations, Codes, Policies, or Requirements stating the requirements for pediatric emergency education for the re-certification of paramedics.

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATION

N/A

SIGNIFICANCE

Adopting requirements for pediatric emergency care education as part of the recertification of paramedics helps to ensure the provision of appropriate pediatric emergency care. This, as a result, helps to improve the quality and adequacy of pediatric emergency care, and thereby, improve pediatric outcomes (e.g., reduced morbidity and mortality).

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1. Has your State/Territory adopted requirements for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT APPLICABLE

If "Yes," please provide the following information. If your State/Territory does not track this information, enter "N/A."

- Total number of hours required for paramedic recertification: _____
- Of the total number of hours required for paramedic recertification, number of hours that need to be dedicated to pediatrics: _____
- Total number of courses required for paramedic recertification: _____
- Of the total number of courses required for paramedic recertification, number of courses that need to be dedicated to pediatrics: _____

Note: Attach supporting documentation for the measure to your EMSC continuation application.

Comments:

2. If "No," please indicate the reasons why your State/Territory has not adopted requirements for pediatric emergency education for the recertification of paramedics. Please also indicate what steps you have taken towards adopting requirements, highlighting any major barriers towards adoption.

3. If "Not Applicable," please provide reasons why the measure is not applicable to your State/Territory (e.g., State/Territory does not have paramedics).
